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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, PFOR, SA, US

SUBJECT: SAUDI AID TO OMAN

REF: JIDDA 3227; B. MUSCAT 544

1. CROWN PRINCE FAHD TOLD AMBASSADOR MAY 12 THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAD JUST GIVEN OMAN \$60 MILLION IN AID. THIS WAS THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF A TOTAL OF \$200 MILLION (REF A) TO BE DIVIDED HALF FOR BUDGETARY SUPPORT AND HALF FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. FAHD DESCRIBED THIS PROPPING UP OF THE SULTAN AS "DIRECT HELP TO THE UNITED STATES."

2. IN WHAT IS BECOMING A SAUDI RITUAL, FAHD THEN LAUNCHED INTO AN ATTACK ON THE BRITISH WHO ARE "NEEDLESSLY PROLONGING THE DHOFAR WAR" IN
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ORDER TO JUSTIFY THEIR CONTINUED PRESENCE IN THE

SULTANATE. THEIR REASON FOR DOING THIS, FAHD
THOUGHT, WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR: OMAN WAS AN IM-
PORTANT SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR BRITIAN.
IT WOULD REMAIN SO FOR AS LONG AS THE BRITISH
COULD PERSUADE THE OMANIS TO BUT EXPENSIVE BUT
USELESS MILITARY EQUIPMENT; AND THEY WOULD BE
ABLE TO CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS FOR AS LONG
AS THEIR MILITARY ADVISORS WERE IN THE COUNTRY.
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